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The communication, filed on 3/8/05, is non-responsive to the prior office action, mailed 11/1/04, because proper amendment markings have not been used for currently amended claims 1 and 9. For example, the phrase "for interference in" is missing in claim 1, line 1, which was present in the previous set of claims without any deletion markings, filed 7/22/04. Claim 1, line 3, adds the phrase "wherein said red blood cells..."; however, the previous phrase in that position ("wherein the sample") is missing without deletion marks. In addition, the word "which" is deleted even though this word was not found in the previous set of claims. Claim 9 is missing a comma on line 5 which was not deleted by amendment markings. Proper claim amending without missing words or punctuation is requested so that the record can remain clear.

Since the response appears to be bona fide, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn Smith, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0721. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ardin Marschel, can be reached on (571) 272-0718. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to Legal Instruments Examiner Tina Plunkett whose telephone number is (571) 272-0549.

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